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01/19/2012 Minutes

V2020 FISCAL RESOURCES TASK GROUP Meeting Minutes 1/19/12

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ATTENDEES: Gordon Jamieson (Chair), David Garbarino, Heather Remoff, Pete Howard (Secretary)

Continuing discussion of development options/new growth analytics

Heather had provided a draft (Ref 1) of her proposed 5 part series of articles for the Advocate. The group commented & discussed this material but approved it without substantial changes. Hopefully it will stimulate letters to the editor.

The Standing Committee also encouraged us to go ahead with it. Heather plans to ask the Director of Assessments for comments before submitting to the Advocate. As suggested by the Standing Committee she will wait until April so as not to influence the Annual Survey. Since the elections will be over, there may be more space for local news.

3 - Water/Sewer

.. Quarterly billing -Gordon reviewed the idea. Compared to the present semi-annual billing, quarterly billing would provide a more even revenue stream. This should reduce the need for borrowing to pay current bills. The cost of the extra billing would be carried by the W&S Enterprise Fund. There would be a one time revenue increase of 25% caused by shortening the time allowed to pay the bills.

Household usage metrics Gordon reviewed this idea also. Now that the water meter reading is automated, the Town should use the data to help home owners learn if they have leaks. The average monthly usage should be available along with every residence' monthly usage. This info should be posted on the Town's website.

4 - Electronic Bill Payment Not discussed

5 - Next meetings .. 3rd Thursdays of the month Town Hall Annex

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